

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

15 FEBRUARY 2012

GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

ALTERNATIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR DANNY DAVIES

LEADER LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

An alternative General Fund Budget, as proposed by the Liberal Democrats, is detailed below and, in light of this alternative budget, Council is recommended to refer back the Cabinet's Budget recommendations for further consideration.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2011-12 TO 2014-15

The Alternative Budget is attached (Annex 1 and 3 in accordance with Cabinet's Annexes).

The changes to the Cabinet's Budget can be summarised as follows:

Proposals for Service Developments (Annex 1)

The Liberal Democrats proposes the following changes are made to the Service Development proposals:

Amended Options

- The Pest Control free service is extended to Wasps nests (to be reviewed after two years with officers to explore a means tested scheme)
- Street Nameplates budget reduced to £4,000 per annum in 2013-14, after backlog work undertaken in 2012-13
- The grant to Chase Advice Centre is reduced to £7,500 in 2012-13 with future grants to be determined as part of an overall review of Third Sector funding.

Additional Options

- An additional option is created for Energy Reduction Consultation – Invest to Save

Deleted Option

- The option for Town Centre Toilet Provision in Cannock is not supported.

Council Tax Increases

In light of the above proposals, and the economic forecast for the next two years , the Liberal Democrats proposes not only to maintain the Council Tax freeze in 2012-13 but also for 2013-14 with at this stage an indicative increase of 2.5% in 2014-15.

Budget Proposal (Annex 3)

As a result of the above, the Liberal Democrats proposes the three year budget for 2012-13 to 2014-15 as set out at Annex 3.

SECTION 106 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Liberal Democrats rejects the transfer of the provision for Rugeley Town Centre Water Feature to the General Fund Capital Programme, and recommends that the money remains within the Section 106 programme and is ring fenced to Rugeley Town Centre

A revised Annex 5 is attached.

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011-12 AND RESOURCES 2011-12 to 2014-15

Capital Programme Budget 2012-13 to 2014-15 (Annex 6 and 7)

The Liberal Democrats proposes that in light of the Section 106 proposal (as above) the Town Centre Improvements Fund as included in Capital service developments (Annex 6) is reduced to £230,000 and the revised Capital programme (Annex 7) approved

Financial Plan 2012-13 to 2014-15
Liberal Democrats' Budget
Growth Options Allowed in the Budget

Option	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
	£	£	£
Local Enterprise Partnership - Support Officer	35,000	35,000 *	
Pest Control	36,000	36,000 *	36,000
Street Nameplates	7,000	4,000	4,000
Chase Advice Centre	7,500 *		
Customer Insight	5,000	5,000	5,000
Maintenance of Cemeteries Fees and Charges	5,590	12,420	12,420
Xmas Car Parking Charges	13,500	13,500	13,500
Energy Reduction - Consultation - Invest To Save	5,000	5,000	5,000
Inflation		2,200	3,000
Total	<u>114,590</u>	<u>113,120</u>	<u>78,920</u>

* Subject to Further Reports

General Fund Revenue Budget 2011-12 to 2015-16
Liberal Democrats Recommendation To Council

ANNEX 3

	Forecast Outturn 2011-12 £m	Standstill Budget 2012-13 £m	Standstill Budget 2013-14 £m	Standstill Budget 2014-15 £m	Standstill Budget 2015-16 £m
Original Budget 2011-12	13.412				
Standstill Budget 2011-12 to 2014-15		12.157	12.414	12.414	12.414
Supplementary Estimates since Original Budget Approval					
Rollovers	0.405				
LDF Core Strategy	0.010				
Approved Budget					
Committed Changes					
Car Park Charges - XMAS	0.013				
West Chadsmoor Family Centre	0.011				
District Elections				0.106	0.106
Chase Advice Centre	0.010				
Likely Additional Commitments					
Members Allowances	-0.025	-0.020	-0.020	-0.020	-0.020
Audit Fees		-0.011	-0.011	-0.011	-0.011
Leisure Outsourcing		-0.193	-0.239	-0.082	-0.168
Chase Leisure Centre - Pool	-0.232			-0.036	-0.050
Interest Rates		-0.043	-0.046	0.029	0.029
2010 Actuarial Valuation - Gross				0.063	0.126
HRA Recharges				-0.012	-0.024
Staffing reviews	0.051	-0.035	-0.032	-0.054	-0.161
Inflation					
Energy Costs		0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080
NNDR		0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018
Pay Cap 1%			-0.186	-0.280	-0.280
Pay Award/Inflation adj				0.343	0.714
Total Base Budget	13.655	11.954	11.979	12.559	12.774

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	Forecast Outturn 2011-12 £m	Standstill Budget 2012-13 £m	Standstill Budget 2013-14 £m	Standstill Budget 2014-15 £m	Standstill Budget 2015-16 £m
Potential Changes and Adjustments					
Base Budget Review					
Expenditure					
Income					
New Homes Bonus	0.047	-0.384	-0.584	-0.784	-0.784
Rebate Subsidy			0.070	0.070	0.070
Income - Development related fees					
Planning - Fees Net	0.100	0.100			
Building control - Fees	0.025	0.025			
Car Park Income	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060
Excess	-0.025	-0.025	-0.025	-0.025	-0.025
Land Charges	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025
Leisure Centres Income					
licensing	-0.021	-0.005			
Cemeteries	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Industrial Estates	0.005	0.005	0.005	-0.026	-0.026
Rates	0.024				
Recycling Credits Parks	-0.020	-0.020	-0.020	-0.020	-0.020
Golf Course	0.016				
Markets	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.000	0.000
Other Properties	-0.010	-0.007	-0.009	-0.008	-0.008
Managers Variations	-0.014	0.048	-0.066	-0.024	-0.024
Efficiency Savings					
Shared Services				-0.012	-0.012
Policy Options					
Service Reviews					
Senior Management Restructure					
Growth		0.115	0.113	0.079	0.082
Savings	-0.092	0.090	0.091	0.091	0.091
Estimated Net Spending	13.816	12.021	11.680	11.995	12.212

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Financing					
Anticipated Grant Income, Use of Balances & Reserves					
Balances	0.137	-0.360	-0.015	0.244	0.400
Regeneration & Invest to Save Reserve	0.638				
Actuarial Valuation	0.095	0.053			
Stabilisation	0.031	0.061	0.116	0.116	
Interim use	0.013	0.034	-0.512		
Reserves	0.065				
Collection Fund Surplus	0.002	0.065	0.065		
RSG/NNDR	6.692	5.843			
Business Rates	0.000		5.790	5.185	5.288
Council Tax	5.994	6.027	6.087	6.301	6.523
Council Tax Compensation Grant	0.149	0.299	0.149	0.149	
Total Grant Income, Use of Balances & Reserves	13.816	12.021	11.680	11.995	12.212
Amount to be found from Council Tax	5.994	6.027	6.087	6.301	6.523
	30,423	30,590	30,896	31,205	31,517
Estimated Council Tax Level	197.01	197.01	197.01	201.94	206.98
Estimated Council Tax Increase	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.50%	2.50%
Balances					
Opening Balances at 1 April	1.501	1.364	1.724	1.739	1.495
Use of Balances to Support Budget	0.137	-0.360	-0.015	0.244	0.400
Closing Balances at 31 March	1.364	1.724	1.739	1.495	1.095
Required Balances	0.832	0.741	1.256	0.834	0.672

Cannock Chase Council

Annex 5

Section 106 Capital Programme

Liberal Democrats Budget

2012-13 to 2014-15

Schemes Subject to Approval

	£
Capital	
Wolsely Road Public Open Space Improvements	20,000
North End Park Improvements	30,000
Refurbishment Heath Hayes Park / Pitch	114,890
Hednesford Park Improvements	42,030
Rugeley Town Centre Provision	70,430
Revenue	
Swallow Close Play Area	17,000
Newlands Lane Flooding Alleviation / Tree Planting	11,330
Arthur Street Pathway further works	10,020
Town Centre Management	10,630
Town Centre Activities Cannock	10,040
Revenue Maintenance	
Wolseley Road Public Open Space 2012-13 for 20 years	15,480
Wolseley Road Play Area 2012-13 for 20 years	11,460
High Green Public Open Space 2012-13 for 5 years	23,300
Heritage Trail Maintenance 2012-13	5,000
Heritage Trail Maintenance 2013-14 for 30 years	28,590
Park Farm Public Open Space 2012-13 for 10 years	2,510
Conduit Colliery Public Open Space 2012-13 for 30 years	45,040
Conduit Colliery Play Area 2012-13 for 30 years	30,030
New Hayes Road Public Open Space Fencing 2012-13	4,000
New Hayes Road Public Open Space 2013-14 for 10 years	3,050
Park Farm Ecological 2012-13 for 30 years	26,740
John Street Public Open Space Maintenance 2012-15	9,080
Enhance area alongside A460 2012-15 Eastern Way, Churchbridge	15,080
Sandy Lane Play Area Maintenance 30 years	20,220
	<u>575,950</u>

Annex 6

Financial Plan 2012-13 to 2014-15
Liberal Democrats Budget
Capital Growth Options Recommended to Council

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Option	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
	£	£	£
Disabled Facility Grants	200,000		
Stile Cop Cemetery Phase 1	45,000		
Town Centres Improvements	230,000		
Total	<u>475,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

ANNEX 7**General Fund Capital Approved Budget****Liberal Democrats Budget****2012-13 to 2014-15**

	2012-13 Budget £	2013-14 Budget £	2014-15 Budget £
Culture and Sport			
Bevan Lee Play Area	2,020		
Chase Leisure Centre Enhancement	2,127,210		
Stile Cop Cemetery Phase 1	45,000		
Additional cemetery provision	1,500,000		
Children and Young People	3,674,230	0	0
Community Safety			
Home Security Grants	41,030	36,000	36,000
Community Safety	41,030	36,000	36,000
Private Sector Housing			
Disabled Facility Grants	700,790	375,000	375,000
Private Sector Decent Homes	183,790		
Affordable Housing	693,120	467,220	688,890
Private Sector Housing	1,577,700	842,220	1,063,890
Town Centre Regeneration			
Town Centre Improvements	230,000		
	230,000	0	0
Total General Fund Capital	5,522,960	878,220	1,099,890